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The Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board (IVRD) Fire & EMS Committee met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at the Oglesby Fire Department, 500 S. Columbia Ave., Oglesby, IL 61348.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMITTEE

The committee meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chief Maltas.

2. ROLL CALL: Utica Fire Chief Ben Brown, Oglesby Fire Chief Steve Maltas, Peru Fire Chief Jeff King, LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Spring Valley Fire Chief Todd Bogatitus, Utica Assistant Fire Chief Drew Partain

Also Present: IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller (via phone)

Absent: Oglesby Ambulance Director Pete Ragaczincy, Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser, Earlville Fire Chief Ken Roth, Earlville Ambulance Director Jen Coppes, Kelly Wasilewski, Peru Assistant Fire Chief Jim Duncan, Peru EMS Director Brent Hanson

3. MINUTES

Motion to approve the IVRD Fire & EMS Operations Committee minutes of March 17, 2026. Motion Jeff King, Seconded by Jerry Janick. All in favor; motion carried.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None.

6. PRIORITY DISPATCH SYSTEM

Response Configuration Review/Changes

1. None

Priority Dispatch System Policy Review/Changes

1. None

Field Feedback Reports

1. None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Operational Matters

1. Still updating the SOP for TIMS
2. Radio Consolidation is still being considered but funding remains the problem.

CAD Discussion

1. CAD Update
 - i. Station Maps & Access
 1. Discussed the major issues in the mapping.

- ii. Run Cards
 - 1. No update.
- iii. Issues
 - 1. Change of Quarters Status – Research is still being done
 - 2. Alternating Calls/Units for Calls – PVAS, UFPD – working on ways to recommend the right units.

Field Ops

- 1. Still Awaiting maps from WTH in the appropriate format so that we can start uploading them into the field ops map.
 - i. Hydrants
 - ii. Mile Markers for Interstates, Rivers, Railroads, turn arounds
 - iii. Starved Rock/Mathiesen Park Trails
 - iv. Landing Zones
 - v. District boundaries
 - vi. Others?

8. NEW BUSINESS

Operational Matters:

- 1. Discussed more granulated options for Transportation and Alarm Incidents
- 2. June 24th – Live Wire Demo in Oglesby
- 3. Discussion on the Oglesby/Division 25/IL Task Force 1 Drill
 - a. Initial page did not say this is a drill
 - b. Communications worked very well except inside the hole.
 - c. New ITTF Template is needed for the Starcom Channels
- 4. Discussion on what gets entered into the call notes
- 5. Discussion on Car versus Deer with air bag deployment should we be sending FD/EMS for non-injury.
- 6. Calming the Chaos – Fire Engineering – newer trend for command.
- 7. SVFD discussed manning issues.
- 8. Discussion was held regarding Chiefs on neighboring towns scenes.
- 9. Brandon believes that we will be Fire Accredited within the next two weeks.
- 10. Discussion about LSFD – Lead Engineer Role – Hunter Thurman, Christian Rossi, Kyle Camatti,
- 11. Discussion that LSFD now has CAD Access in the station. They are working on getting CAD Maps. Brandon will start working with other departments.
- 12. LCEMA is going to put two access points on laptops for the Command Bus, also looking into how to take 911 calls in the bus.
- 13. Rachel, Randy and Julie are trained in IL-TERT at this time.
- 14. Peru Fire Structure Discussion on the caller giving the wrong address.
- 15. CESSA – pressure from the state to do full implementation
- 16. Need to add railroad mile markers to the map/cad

Director's Report

- 1. None

9. PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

No comments

10. NEXT MEETING

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21 at the Oglesby Fire Department. Tentative meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of odd months – September 15th, November 17th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by King, second by Brown. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.